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SUBJECT: SOUTH AMERICAN JOURNALIST SAYS NO SOVIET BASE AT BERBERA

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1. NEIVA MOREIRA, INTERNATIONAL EDITOR OF THIRD WORLD MAGAZINE (ARGENTINA) AND STAFF MEMBER OF PERUVIAN DAILY LA CRONICA, SAID HE HAD SEEN QTE ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE TO SHOW THAT THERE WAS A SOVIET MILITARY BASE ANYWHERE IN BERBERA UNQTE. MOREIRA, WHO WAS AMONG A DOZEN JOURNALISTS WHO TOURED THE PORT CITY AND ITS ENVIRONS ON JUNE 28, STATED THAT THE INSTALLATION IN QUESTION WAS A SOMALI MILITARY CAMP.

2. MOREIRA SAID POLITICAL BIAS, NOT PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS, LED ABC CORRESPONDENT BRANIGAN (REFTEL) TO PRESS A REQUEST FOR ENTRY INTO A COMPLEX IDENTIFIED BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AS A MISSILE STORAGE FACILITY. VOICING AN OPINION NO DOUBT SHARED BY SOMALI AUTHORITIES, MOREIRA DECLARED QTE JOURNALISTS SHOULD NOT GO BEYOND THEIR PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES BY
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BECOMING TOO MUCH (SIC) INVESTIGATORS UNQTE.

3. ECHOING THE LINE OF HIS HOSTS AND THEIR SOVIET SUPPLY-
MASTERS, MOREIRA CHARGED THAT US AIM IS TO DIVERT ATTENTION
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